

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-212 (ex Article 24)

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New Article 212 1bis

1 bis In exercising the powers conferred upon it by this article, the Council shall act by a qualified majority. The European Parliament's assent shall be required for the conclusion of all significant agreements entered into under the terms of this article.

2. A European law or framework law shall establish the measures required to implement the common commercial policy.

3. Where agreements with one or more States or international organisations need to be negotiated, the relevant provisions of [Article III-222 (ex Article 33)] of this Title shall apply. The Commission shall make recommendations to the Council, which shall authorise the Commission to open the necessary negotiations, *after consulting the European Parliament*. The Council and the Commission shall be responsible for ensuring that the agreements negotiated are compatible with internal Union policies and rules.

The Commission shall conduct these negotiations in consultation with a special committee appointed by the Council to assist the Commission in this task and within the framework of such directives as the Council may issue to it. The Commission shall report regularly to the special committee and to the European Parliament on the progress of negotiations.

Rest remains unchanged

Explanation (if any) :